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Sir:

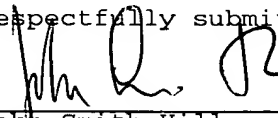
Applicant wishes to draw attention to the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, copies of which documents are enclosed.

The four documents listed in Form PTO-1449 were cited in the search report that was issued in the corresponding Finnish patent application, as shown in the accompanying copy of the Finnish Search Report. The Finnish Search Report is dated November 3, 1997. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c), the undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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Pursuant to MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner should initial Form PTO-1449 to confirm that each document has been considered, and return a copy of the form to the undersigned with the first Office Action.

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